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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF STEPHEN E. EMTAGE FOR FY 76 IVP GRANT

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1. EMBASSY NOMINATES STEPHEN E. (STEVE) EMTAGE, DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, BARBADOS, FOR 25-DAY GRANT FOR OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION UNDER FY 1976 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS' PROGRAM. EMTAGE DESIRES PROGRAM TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5, 1975. EMTAGE WILL ON THAT DATE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED PARTICIPATION IN IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND WILL THUS BE ABLE TO COMMENCE WASHINGTON PROGRAMMING FROM MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 5.

2. (A) SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: SINCE 1970 DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY FINANCE AND PLANNING, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR (FOR BARBADOS/GUANA) OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK; ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. 2.(B) PAST POSITIONS: DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT 1968-70. BARBADOS SCHOLAR, 1957; COMMON-WEALTH SCHOLAR 1967-68.

3. (A) PERSONAL DATA: DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 29 AUG 2013] AT BARBADOS. CITIZENSHIP: BARBADIAN; (B) EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS) 1958-61 B.SC. (ECON); UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 1961-62 DIPLOMA, PUBLIC AND SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION; UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX 1967-68 M. PHILOSOPHY (UNPUBLISHED THESIS: "GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN A SMALL, DEPENDENT ECONOMY - THE CASE OF BARBADOS").

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4. TRAVEL ABROAD: FREQUENT TRIPS TO US AND CANADA, EUROPE, COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICA ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. SOME TRAVEL ON SUCH BUSINESS TO EAST ASIA.

5. PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE.

6. ESCORT SERVICES: NOT REQUIRED.

7. VISA ELIGIBILITY: HOLDS VALID B1/B2 VISA.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: EMTAGE, AS ONE OF PRINCIPAL CAREER CIVIL SERVANTS IN BARBADOS, IS A TOP DECISION MAKER IN FIELDS OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE. BARBADOS' PRIME MINISTER ALSO HOLDS FINANCE PORTFOLIO AND EMTAGE, AS NEXT RANKING MAN IN THIS KEY MINISTRY, WIELDS ENORMOUS INFLUENCE IN HIS FIELDS DESPITE HIS COMPARATIVE YOUTH. GIVEN INCREASING EMPHASIS ON RESOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, EMTAGE'S INFLUENCE WITHIN GOB IS LIKELY TO GROW. HIS INTELLIGENCE, ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE ASSURE HIM OF A KEY POSITION NO MATTER WHAT POLITICAL PARTY IS IN POWER. EMTAGE HAS MADE MANY VISITS TO US BUT PARTLY BECAUSE OF HIS ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND TRAINING HAS BEEN MORE ORIENTED TO UK. HE HAS NEVER HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT VARIED FACETS OF US OUTSIDE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. IN VIEW OF BARBADOS' INCREASING ECONOMIC ORIENTATION TOWARDS NORTH AMERICA AND LIKELIHOOD THAT EMTAGE WILL PLAY KEY ROLE, WE FEEL VISITOR'S GRANT IS HIGHLY APPROPRIATE.

9. POST OBJECTIVE: TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF US BY AN IMPORTANT LEADER WHO IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AND TO PLAY IMPORTANT POLICY-MAKING ROLE IN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELD. EXPOSURE TO US FISCAL AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES, PLANNING METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING PROGRAM MAY ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO EMTAGE IN POSITION.

10. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: EMTAGE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OBSERVING IN FOLLOWING AREAS AND IN CONSULTING WITH THOSE CONCERNED: (A) FISCAL AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES OF STATE GOVERNMENTS; (B) ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; (C) PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, PARTICULARLY AT STATE

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LEVEL: (D) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (UNIVERSITIES AND FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT UNITS). ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PROGRAMS FOR TRAINING GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ANALYSTS AND ECONOMISTS. EMTAGE IS REASONABLY FAMILIAR WITH NORTHEAST (WASHINGTON-NEW YORK) AREA, HENCE HE WOULD PROBABLY DERIVE MOST BENEFIT FROM PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT TAKE HIM TO MIDWEST, SOUTHEAST, WEST AND/OR SOUTHWEST AFTER SOME INITIAL PROGRAMMING IN WASHINGTON.

11. SPECIAL PROGRAMMING ASPECT: BARBADOS, IN JOINT VENTURE WITH GUYANA, IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT US\$20 MILLION CEMENT PLANT IN NORTHERN PART OF ISLAND TO SUPPLY BOTH NATIONS' CEMENT NEEDS. EMTAGE IS IN KEY DECISION MAKING POSITION ON THIS PROJECT, AND IT WOULD BE IN US INTEREST TO EXPOSE HIM MORE CLOSELY TO US FIRM IN THIS FIELD. EMBASSY HAS WORKED WITH FULLER CORPORATION OF CALASQUA, PA. AND VICE PRESIDENT DONALD DOUGLASS HAS VISITED BARBADOS AND DISCUSSED PLANT WITH EMTAGE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CONTACT DOUGLASS (TELEPHONE 215-264-6011) AND ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR EMTAGE INCLUDING TRIP TO APPROPRIATE CEMENT PLANT GUIDED BY DOUGLASS. EMBASSY INFORMING DOUGLASS SEPARATELY TO ALERT HIM TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

12. PERSONAL DATA: EMTAGE (PRONOUNCED EM-TUZH) IS VERY PERSONABLE AND PLEASANT. HE IS QUITE SHORT AND SOMEWHAT SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT THIS FACT. LIKE MOST BARBADIANS, EMTAGE USUALLY DRESSES IN CASUAL, COMFORTABLE CLOTHING AND PROGRAM SHOULD SPECIFY TYPE OF DRESS APPROPRIATE TO OCCASION. EMTAGE IS FOND OF TRADITIONAL JAZZ AND CLASSICAL MUSIC. HE PLAYS TENNIS AND IS FOND OF WATCHING PROFESSIONAL TENNIS, BASKETBALL AND/OR HORSE RACING. HE IS WELL READ AND WOULD ENJOY VISITING HISTORICAL SITES WHICH WOULD BE LIKELY TO BE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO BRITISH-EDUCATED WEST INDIAN. EMTAGE'S WIFE, ("BOBBY") AN INTELLIGENT AND ACTIVE WOMAN, IS A DIRECTOR OF A SUCCESSFUL MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANY SO THAT THIS PARTICULAR BUSINESS HOLDS MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST FOR EMTAGE.

13. TIMING: AS STATED ABOVE, EMTAGE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON READY FOR PROGRAMMING SEPTEMBER 5, 1975. HE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT HE MUST BE BACK IN BARBADOS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 1975. HENCE HIS TOTAL PROGRAM PERIOD WOULD AMOUNT TO 25 DAYS.

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